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ABSOLUTE POWER TIE-IN

SUPERMAN

WILLIAMSON
CAMPBELL

13+

TEEN

HELLBOUND!

THE FINAL ACT OF THE *BATMAN: THE LONG HALLOWEEN* EPIC

BATMAN THE LONG HALLOWEEN THE LAST HALLOWEEN

**AN ALL-NEW
10-ISSUE
MYSTERY
CELEBRATING
THE LEGACY OF
TIM SALE**

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Starting in
SEPTEMBER



THE OBLIVION BAR.

IT APPEARS THE MAN OF STEEL IS HAVING SOME INTRUSIVE MAGICAL THOUGHTS.

WHICH MEANS THE MAP OF MORDU WANTS YOU JUST AS MUCH AS YOU WANT IT.

AMANDA WALLER HAS WON. A PLANETWIDE BLITZKRIEG HAS ROBBED THE WORLD'S META-HUMANS OF THEIR SUPERPOWERS AND RESOURCES. THOSE FEW WHO HAVE THUS FAR EVADED CAPTURE ARE FUGITIVES ON THE RUN, HUNTED MERCILESSLY BY TASK FORCE VII, A REGIMENT OF UNSTOPPABLE AMAZOS BUILT BY WALLER'S ALLIES, FAILSAFE AND THE BRAINIAC QUEEN.

SO WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A SEAT, HAVE A DRINK, AND MAKE A DEAL.

ABSOLUTE POWER
"I HATE MAGIC"

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ABSOLUTELY NOT, NERON.
WE DON'T--



SUPERMAN CREATED BY JERRY SIEGEL AND JOE SHUSTER, BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE JERRY SIEGEL FAMILY.



WHAT? IT'S NON-ALCOHOLIC.
PROMISE.



OH, SOMEONE CAME TO PLAY. LOVE IT.

NOW C'MON. INDULGE ME. I KNOW ALL ABOUT AMANDA WALLER AND WHAT SHE HAS BEEN UP TO WITH HER POWER-STEALING AMAZOS.

YOU NEED THIS MAP SO YOU CAN SNEAK AROUND IN THE SHADOWS AND GET PAST HER DEFENSES...

SO, WHAT CAN YOU GIVE ME FOR IT?



WHAT DO YOU WANT, NERON?

WE'RE **NOT** SELLING OUR SOULS.



PLEASE. YOUR SOUL IS ONE OF THE PUREST I'VE EVER SEEN, SUPERMAN.

BUT YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO DIE, SO IT'S POINTLESS.

I'VE DIED.

AND YET HERE YOU SIT. ALIVE AND WELL.



AND AS FOR YOU, FISHNETS.

AFTER EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE, THE DARK MAGIC YOU'VE CONJURED, AND THE COMPANY YOU KEEP...YOUR SOUL IS PRACTICALLY MINE ALREADY.



NO NO NO, I WANT SOMETHING SO MUCH MORE INTERESTING...

...SOMETHING **PRECIOUS.**



I WANT
YOU TO
LIE.



EXCUSE
ME?



YOU.
SUPERMAN.

THE LIVING
EMBODIMENT OF
ALL THAT IS GOOD
IN THE WORLD.

A MAN
OF TRUTH,
CORRECT?



I WILL GIVE
YOU THIS MAP YOU
SO DESPERATELY NEED,
AND IN EXCHANGE,
YOU'LL BETRAY
YOURSELF.

YOU'LL
LIE FOR
ME.

NERON...



YOU'VE
GOT A DEAL.
I'LL LIE
FOR YOU.



SUPERMAN,
NO.



IT'S OKAY,
ZATANNA.

LET'S
GO.

HA.
YOU THINK
YOU'RE CLEVER,
SUPERMAN.



BUT I ALSO
KNOW YOUR SECRET.
ABOUT THE **ANGER**
YOU HIDE.

THIS IS
NOT OVER.



I KNOW.



WHAT DID
YOU JUST
DO?!

NERON
ASKED ME
TO LIE...



...SO
I DID.

NOW
SHOW ME
HOW WE CAN
USE THIS
MAP...

"PEOPLE ARE COUNTING ON US..."

I COULD GET USED TO THIS.

DON'T.

THAT ARMOR WAS VERY EXPERIMENTAL, LOIS. LEX STARTED TO WORK ON IT BEFORE HE WAS ARRESTED, AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT WAS FOR...

YOU AND LEX WERE... FRIENDS?

SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

I WISH YOU HAD JUST STAYED WITH LENA AT HER PLACE... IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SAFER FOR YOU, SIR.

EVEN WITH YOUR MEMORY LOSS, I DON'T THINK SUPERMAN IS GOING TO BE VERY EXCITED ABOUT ME TAKING YOU TO THE FORTRESS OF--

OH NO, LOOK!



THE DARK ROADS.

WHERE IS THE MAP TAKING US, ZATANNA?

OLIVER QUEEN SAID WALLER CUT US OFF FROM THE MULTIVERSE, RIGHT?

BUT THE MULTIVERSE HAS SHADOWS, TOO.

WALLER MIGHT HAVE STOLEN ALL OUR POWERS, *BUT* THERE IS A WHOLE MULTIVERSE OF HEROES WE CAN CALL IN AS BACKUP.

SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD TURN THE TIDE OF THIS WAR IN AN INSTANT.

IT TAKES A MOMENT TO TAME THE MAP TO GET IT TO TAKE YOU WHERE YOU WANT TO GO...

...TO FOLLOW YOUR HEART...

THIS IS WHY I HATE MAGIC.

THE RULES SEEM TO ALWAYS CHANGE.

YOU MEAN YOU CAN'T CONTROL IT.

IT'S NOT THAT.

IT JUST FEELS LIKE A POWER THAT COMES WITH TOO MUCH OF A...

UGH...
...COMES WITH WHAT...?





A
COST?



YOU'RE
WASTING AWAY...
ARE THE DARK
ROADS DOING
THIS?

IT'S THE
MAP.

IT PULLS
FROM A PERSON'S
MAGIC...BUT SINCE I
DON'T HAVE ANY RIGHT
NOW, IT'S PULLING
FROM MY VERY
LIFE.



YOU NEVER TOLD ME
THE MAP COULD DO
THIS. IF I HAD KNOWN,
I WOULDN'T HAVE
LET YOU--

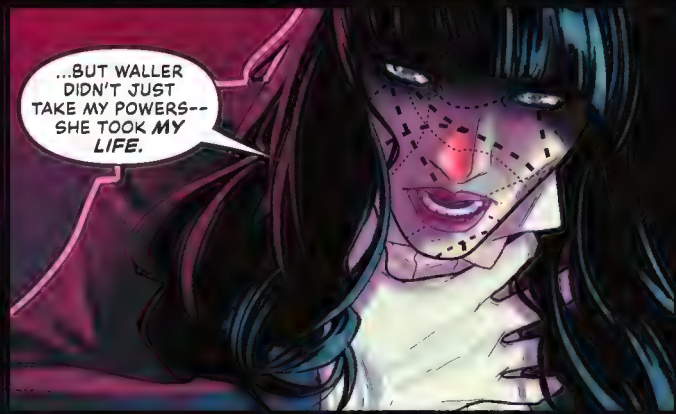
LET ME
WHAT?

I NEED MY
MAGIC BACK,
CLARK. NO MATTER
THE SACRIFICE.
I NEED IT.



WE'LL
GET OUR
POWERS BACK...
WE WILL. BUT
YOU NEED TO
KNOW...

...YOU'RE SO
MUCH MORE
THAN MAGIC,
ZATANNA.





"...TO THE HOUSE OF HEROES."



WE HAVEN'T BEEN HERE SINCE...

THE LAST TIME WE "DIED"...

I WAS GOING TO SAY SINCE **PARIAH** ATTACKED US.*

WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

*IN JUSTICE LEAGUE #75 --PK



WALLER SENT ONE OF HER FANCY AMAZONS.

TOOK MY POWERS AND STRANDED ME HERE.



DR. LIGHT? HOW DID YOU--

AFTER THE MULTIVERSE BECAME INFINITE AGAIN, I WAS EXPLORING IT...*

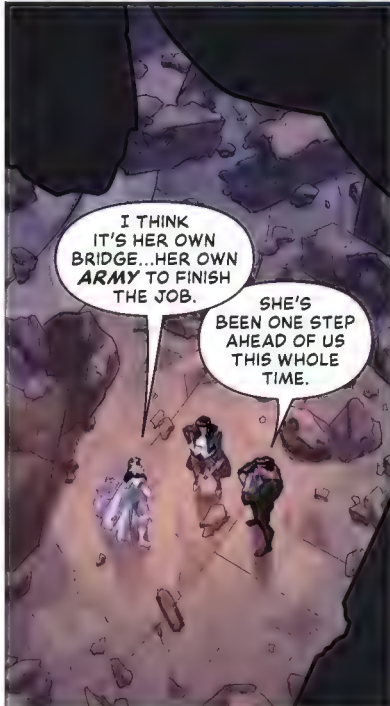
BUT WALLER DID SOMETHING...

*AS IF YOU SKIPPED DARK CRISIS --PK (IS KEEPING AN EYE ON YOU)



"SHE BLOCKED IT OFF,
BUT THAT WAS JUST
THE START... SHE'S UP
TO SOMETHING.

"SOMETHING
BAD.



I THINK
IT'S HER OWN
BRIDGE...HER OWN
ARMY TO FINISH
THE JOB.

SHE'S
BEEN ONE STEP
AHEAD OF US
THIS WHOLE
TIME.



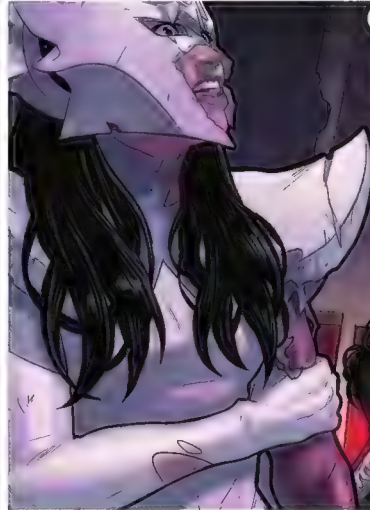
WHAT IS
BLOCKING US
OFF FROM THE
MULTIVERSE?



SHE SENT
AN AGENT TO
LIVE IN THE BLEED. IT
LAY IN WAIT FOR THE
LAST YEAR, HELPING
HER STOP TRAVEL
BETWEEN
WORLDS.

IF IT
KNOWS WE ARE
HERE, IT WILL
KILL US.

WE
NEED TO GO
NOW.



WHAT?



WHAT IS
IT? WHAT COULD
POSSIBLY LIVE IN
THE BLEED?

SHE'S
TALKING
ABOUT
ME.



RUN.



UH...WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?

I KNOW IT.
SORT OF.



YEARS AGO, BATMAN AND I WERE ABLE TO COMBINE USING HAL JORDAN'S RING. IT WAS A ONE-TIME-ONLY TRICK.

*IN BATMAN/SUPERMAN: WORLD'S FINEST #4! IT'S A TOY NOW! --PK

*OR SO I THOUGHT BUT IF OTHERS WERE ABLE TO FIGURE IT OUT...



YOU CAN CALL ME
KONFUSION!

IT'S FROM
EARTH-3!

THE
GOOD DOCTOR
TELLS THE
TRUTH.

YOU SEE,
EVERYTHING IN
YOUR WORLD CREATES
AN OPPOSITE IN *OURS*.
IT'S THE WAY OF THE
MULTIVERSE.

BUT...
YOU'RE NOT...
**ULTRAMAN...OR
OWLMAN...?**

NO, I'M
REALLY--

BOOM

WHAT
NOW?!

IT'S THE
HOUSE OF
HEROES...



IT'S
CRASHING!

DON'T
WORRY. WALLER
LEFT ORDERS FOR
YOU TO COME
WITH--

AH!

TRSH

THE DAMAGE
WALLER CAUSED TO
THE BLEED IS TAKING THE
HOUSE OF HEROES
DOWN.

AND IF WE
DON'T GET THE HELL
OUT OF HERE **NOW**, WE'RE
GOING TO BE TRAPPED IN
THE WRECKAGE!

WE CAN'T
HAVE KONFUSION
FOLLOW US. BUT IF WE
USE THE SHADOWS TO
ESCAPE, WE CAN TRAP
IT HERE, TOO.

I CAN'T...
DO IT.

I CAN'T...
THE MAP HAS
ALREADY TAKEN
TOO MUCH FROM
ME...



THEN WE DO IT TOGETHER.



BUT THE MAGIC...?

IF THERE WAS EVER A TIME TO FACE MY FEARS, IT'S NOW.

BESIDES...THE MAP HAS BEEN CALLING ME EVER SINCE WE STARTED THIS JOURNEY, REMEMBER?

IT WANTS ME.

BUT I CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU, ZATANNA.



IT'S WORKING...

IT WILL TAKE US TO WHERE YOUR HEART WANTS TO GO...



THEN WE BETTER GO NOW!



NO!



KABOOM



ARE
YOU SURE,
MERCY?



I'VE NEVER
FLOWN A JET
LIKE THIS
BEFORE.

AFTER ALL THE
ADVENTURES YOU'VE
HAD, I'M SURE YOU'LL DO
FINE. JUST KEEP AN EYE ON
THE AUTOPILOT AND IT WILL
GET YOU BACK TO
YOUR PLACE.

AND KEEP
AN EYE ON LEX
FOR ME,
PLEASE?

WE'LL KEEP
HIM OUT OF
TROUBLE.



THE SUIT IS
RUNNING LOW
ON JUICE...

...BUT
I THINK I
PICKED UP A
SIGNAL.



FROM
SUPERMAN?

NO...FROM
WALLER.

SHE'S DIRECTING
ALL HER AMAZONS
AND FORCES TO RETURN
TO GAMORRA. SHE
SUSPECTS THE HEROES
ARE COMING TO
GET HER...

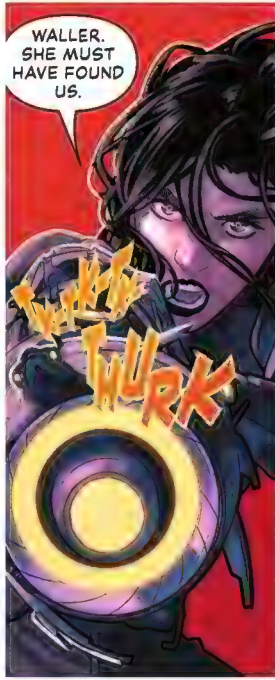


MERCY...OUR SHADOWS...?

WHAT THE HELL?



THEY'RE GETTING BIGGER.
I NEED TO GET MY ARMOR BACK ON!



WALLER. SHE MUST HAVE FOUND US.



HOLD ON.



I'D KNOW THAT SHADOW ANYWHERE.





I LOVE
MAGIC.



WHAT THE HELL
HAPPENED HERE,
ZATANNA?

WALLER SENT
JON KENT AND THE
BRAINIAC QUEEN
AFTER US.

BUT
NOW...WE
HAVE AN EDGE
SHE DOESN'T
HAVE.



HERE'S THE PLAN.
ZATANNA, DR. LIGHT,
AND I ARE GOING TO
USE THE DARK ROADS
TO FIND BATMAN
AND WONDER
WOMAN.

LOIS AND
MERCY ARE
GOING BACK TO
METROPOLIS.

WALLER HAS BEEN USING A
DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN
AGAINST THE HEROES, BUT
WHEN SHE IS DISTRACTED BY
THE FIGHT, THE DAILY PLANET
CAN START TO REPORT ON
WHAT SHE HAS BEEN
UP TO.

USE
THE TRUTH
AGAINST
HER.



ZATANNA,
I'M SORRY ABOUT
WHAT I SAID BEFORE...
I DON'T HATE MAGIC.
I JUST...

I GET IT...
SOMETIMES
I HATE IT,
TOO.



BUT I HATE
WALLER MORE.
AND I'LL USE THAT
HATE TO FUEL
THE MAP.



CAN
WE GET A
RIDE?



TO BE CONTINUED IN
ABSOLUTE POWER #4!
AND SUPERWOMAN
SPECIAL IN DECEMBER...

BUT WAIT...THERE'S MORE...



TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH AS
SUPERMAN GOES ALL IN...AGAINST

DOOMSDAY!

JOKER THE WORLD

This September, the Joker takes his unique brand of madness and mayhem on a world tour in *Joker: The World*, a 184-page hardcover anthology. It's the spiritual successor to *Batman: The World*, the bestselling, critically acclaimed graphic novel released in fall 2021.

This can't-miss graphic novel will feature Joker stories by creative teams representing 13 different countries, including renowned storytellers such as Geoff Johns, Satoshi Miyagawa, David Rubin, German Peralta, Alvaro Fong Varela, Jason Fabok, and others. With stories tailored to the authentic style, tone, and cultural sensibilities of different nations around the world, *Joker: The World* highlights how DC's most popular super-villain has inspired chaos on a global scale.

Uncover these unique stories celebrating the most compelling villain in popular culture.



DON'T MISS
JOKER: THE WORLD,
ON SALE THIS
SEPTEMBER!

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